THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present practice is to treat expunged remarks as non-existent and the same will be followed even after the Annual Confidential Report in the new format comes into force.

Delay in extradition of Charles Shobraj to Thailand

*46. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased be state :

(a) what are the reasons for delay of Charles Shobraj to Thailand in spite of the repeated demands of the Thailand Government; and

(b) by when he is likely to be extradited to Thailand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The request from the Government of Thailand for the extradition of Charles Shobraj is being processed under the Indian Extradition Act, 1962. It is not possible to indicate precisely when this process will be completed in view of the legal intricacies involved.

Grounding of AN-32 fleet of the Air Force

*47. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT :

SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to ground the fleet of AN-32 aircraft of Indian Air Force till the causes of the recent accidents are determined ;

(b) whether there have been complaints by the pilots regarding vibrations and noise in the cockpit of AN 32 aircraft ; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is a system in the IAF under which IAF Personnel can complain about any potential flight safety hazard. No such complaints regarding high noise level or abnormal vibrations in the cockpit of the AN-32 aricraft have been received.

(c) Does not arise.

Complaints regarding contract Labour System—in the Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad

*48. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations/complaints regarding contract labour system continuing in the Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad;

(b) if so, what is the nature of complaints;

(c) whether Government have taken any action thereon;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.